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SUBJ: BIO INFORMATION ON DAVID GBAGUIDI

REF: ABIDJAN 7571

1. DAVID GBAGUIDI WAS BORN IN SAVALOU, DAHOMEY/BENIN AUGUST 28, 1942. HE WAS EDUCATED IN DAHOMEY AND FRANCE AND IN 1967 OBTAINED A DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING FROM THE IAE IN PARIS.

2. UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT MR. GHAGUIDI VISITED THE US IN 1971 TO OBSERVE AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND TO VISIT UNIVERSITIES HAVING DEPARTMENTS SPECIALIZING IN RURAL PROBLEMS AND AGRICULTURE. PREVIOUSLY, IN 1966, WHILE A STUDENT IN FRANCE, HE VISITED POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION ON A STUDY-TOUR.

3. FROM 1960-68 MR. GBAGUIDI WAS TREASURER OF THE DAHOMEAN STUDENTS UNION. IN 1970 HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH OF THE MIN OF AGRICULTURE AND LATER WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SENIOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL IN THE BORGOU PROVINCE. IN 1975 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MIN OF THE INTERIOR WHERE HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF  
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STUDY AND PLANS, A POSITION WHICH GAVE HIM GREAT POWER IN ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ALLOWED HIM EACY ACCESS TO INTERIOR MINISTER AZONHIHO. FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HE MOVED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY.

4. MR GBAGUIDI IS MARRIED TO A FRENCH WOMAN AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS.

5. BECAUSE OF BENINESE GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON CONTACTS WITH DIPLOMATS, WE HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MR. GBAGUIDI RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO OUR FILES, HOWEVER, IN THE PAST HE HAD BEEN VERY FRIENDLY WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES AND WAS CONSIDERED A FRIEND OF THE U.S. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISTS BUT WOULD ASSUME THAT HE WOULD TAKE HIS CUE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH BENIN MAKES IT A PRACTICE TO SUPPORT RADICAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THE POLISARIO AND SOUTH MOLUCCANS, WE DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO PLACE ITSELF IN A POSITION OF APPEARING TO SUPPORT TERRORIST ACTIONS. THOMPSON

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